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1. During the month of September 1954, unknown saboteurs caused considerable damage to the hydroelectric complex under construction in the Rhodope Mountains, in the Debrashtitsa (N 42-06, E 24-15) - Batak (N 41-56, E 24-13) area. 25X1
2. In particular, the opening of the main dam of a microdyke, done at night, caused the flooding of a tunnel to be used as a pressure water conduit. The excavation of this tunnel between Rakitovo (N 41-59, E 24-05) and Dorkovo (N 42-03, E 24-08) had been recently completed.
3. This flooding resulted in the loss of a large quantity of equipment, machinery, tools, and miscellaneous materiel, and the death of eight workers and three technicians who were sleeping in a shed located immediately in front of the 25X1 exit of the tunnel.
4. The four guards of the tunnel did not notice what was happening and were still asleep in the morning. It is believed that during the banquet held the previous evening to celebrate the completion of the tunnel, a sleeping potion was given to the guards.
5. The Bulgarian police arrested about 40 persons, among ~~them~~ the four guards, in spite of the fact that the latter are considered to be most trustworthy and are former partisans.

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